

441—175.29 (232) Consultation with law enforcement.

175.29(1) During the course of a child abuse assessment, the child protection worker may contact law enforcement as warranted and shall contact law enforcement when the worker believes that:

- a.* The abuse reported may require a criminal investigation and subsequent prosecution.
- b.* The child must be separated from the person responsible for the abuse.
- c.* Contact by the child protection worker with the family will result in a volatile and dangerous response by the child or family members.

175.29(2) During the course of a family assessment, the child protection worker shall not involve law enforcement for the purposes of a joint investigation, but shall immediately refer any information regarding a criminal act harming a child to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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